

Southwest Highlands

Including Ben Nevis, Glen Coe and the rest of Lochaber, Argyll including the Isles, Loch Lomond, Trossachs and Arran

Forecast valid from 00:00 on Friday 14 Jul 2023 until 23:59 on Saturday 15 Jul 2023

Forecast Issued on Thursday 13 Jul 2023 at 16:05 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for unsettled and unseasonably windy weather later Friday and over the weekend, lower for the detail.

Headline for Friday 14 Jul 2023: Light rain clearing with some brightness for a time, but heavier and more persistent rain spreading from the south later in the afternoon as winds strengthen.

Mountain weather hazards on Friday 14 Jul 2023

Blizzards

No Likelihood

Heavy persistent snow

No Likelihood

Storm force winds

No Likelihood

Gales

Low Likelihood

Severe chill effect

No Likelihood

Poor visibility

Low Likelihood

Thunderstorms

No Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain

No Likelihood

Strong sunlight

No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
							
Light rain	Light rain	Light rain	Light rain	Sunny intervals	Heavy Rain	Heavy Rain	Heavy Rain
Precipitation probability							
30%	70%	80%	70%	20%	30%	80%	80%

Forecast for Friday 14 Jul 2023

Weather: Patchy overnight rain drying out during the morning with some bright or sunny intervals for a time, before heavier and more persistent rain spreads from the south later in the afternoon.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 20% becoming 70% for a time during the afternoon.

Low Cloud and visibility: Broken cloud base 400-600m lifting and breaking to become patchy with bases 600-800m for a time during the afternoon, before reforming in the heavier rain. Visibilities good, but moderate at times in the rain, and poor later in the heavy rain.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	9/11 S	10/12 SE	13/16 SE	18/23 SE	20/26 SE	20/27 SE	29/39 E	35/47 E	35/48 E
900	7/9 SE	9/12 SE	13/17 SE	16/21 SE	17/22 SE	18/24 SE	24/33 E	28/40 E	28/41 E
600	5/7 S	5/7 E	7/10 E	10/14 E	14/19 SE	14/20 E	23/31 E	27/37 E	24/35 E
300	4/6 S	3/5 E	5/8 NE	6/10 NE	6/11 SE	10/17 E	10/19 E	12/23 E	12/23 NE
Glen	2/5 S	2/5 E	4/9 E	4/11 E	6/14 E	7/13 E	10/20 NE	11/24 NE	12/26 NE

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	4/1	5/2	5/2	6/2	7/2	7/3	6/1	6/0	6/0
900	7/5	7/4	7/4	8/5	9/6	10/7	9/5	9/4	9/4
600	10/8	10/9	10/9	11/9	12/9	13/10	12/8	12/7	11/7
300	12/11	11/11	12/11	12/11	14/13	15/14	14/12	14/11	13/11
Glen	13/13	12/12	13/13	14/13	15/15	17/16	16/14	15/13	15/13
Freezing Level*	2000m	2200m	2300m	2500m	2500m	2400m	2500m	2500m	2700m

*Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View

Feeling chilly on the summits later in the heavy rain and strengthening winds.

Forecast for Saturday 15 Jul 2023

Weather: Rain clearing to showers during the early hours, then a mixture of sunny intervals and showers through the day, some heavy with hail and a risk of thunder. Showers perhaps merging into longer spells of rain across western ranges later in the evening.

Maximum wind: East or SE 40 gust 50 mph, easing 10-15 mph during the morning then veering southwesterly during the afternoon.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 20% becoming 70% by mid-morning.

Low Cloud and visibility: Extensive or broken cloud base 300-400m, soon lifting and breaking during the morning to become patchy with bases around 800m, but deteriorating in the showers with bases lowering to 500m. Poor visibilities overnight, becoming good during the morning but reducing moderate or poor at times in the showers.

Temperature: Glens: plus 11 rising to plus 18 Celsius.
At 800m: Plus 10 Celsius
Freezing level: Above the summits.